

her post, she also traveled into Fallujah to perform searches of female Iraqis, a task that men were prohibited from doing. It was returning from one such trip that Holly's convoy was attacked by insurgents.

Three men and three women were killed that day, and 13 men and women were wounded. This sacrifice reminds us of the courage of our men and women in uniform who are faced with ongoing dangers in Iraq. It also underscores how important it is that we as Members of Congress do everything in our power to protect those who defend our Nation.

Designating a post office in memory of Lance Corporal Holly Ann Charette is a fitting tribute to a woman who touched the lives of so many. When her friends and family visit the facility at 57 Rolfe Square in Cranston, they will be reminded of her smile, her cheerful personality, and her dedication to helping others.

It will also remind future generations of the sacrifice of one exceptional person who gave so much to her Nation. I ask my colleagues to honor Holly Charette, a truly amazing woman by supporting this legislation today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As a member of the Government Reform Committee, I am pleased to join my colleagues in the consideration of S. 1989, legislation naming a postal facility in Cranston, Rhode Island, after Holly A. Charette.

This measure, sponsored by Senator Jack Reed, was introduced on November 10, 2005, and unanimously reported by our committee on February 1, 2006.

A 2001 graduate of Cranston High School East in Cranston, Rhode Island, Holly Charette was a cheerleader, athlete and active student in high school. A year later she enlisted in the United States Marines, where she was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Second Marine Division, Second Marine Expeditionary Force.

She held an administrative position, keeping records and delivering mail to fellow soldiers. Sadly, she was killed on June 23, 2005, when her convoy was ambushed by a suicide bomber as it departed from Fallujah.

Lance Corporal Holly Charette, who was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, will be remembered as a fine marine and soldier, someone who dearly wanted a career in the U.S. Postal Service when she completed her tour of duty.

A soldier in Operation Iraqi Freedom, she enjoyed delivering mail to her fellow soldiers and fighting for her country.

I commend my colleague, Senator REED, for seeking to honor her sacrifice by naming a post office in her hometown.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is so important in reality that we take note of this very young person who had a serious sense of duty and sense of commit-

ment, even to the extent of saying that when I leave I want to continue to serve my country in one way. And one way that I can do that is to make sure that the communication continues, that the letters and parcels and packages that people use to communicate with each other are in fact delivered?

I do not think one can give any more than giving their life in service to others and in service to humanity. I am very pleased to urge swift passage of S. 1989 and commend both gentlemen from Rhode Island for their introduction of it.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Members to support the passage of S. 1989, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 1989. The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

#### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INDICATORS, 2006—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Science:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I transmit herewith a report prepared for the Congress and the Administration by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2006." This report represents the seventeenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, February 14, 2006.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4297. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4297) "An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KYL, and Mr. BAUCUS, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 109-59, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission:

Paul Weyrich of Virginia.

Patrick E. Quinn of Tennessee.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 322, by the yeas and nays;

S. 1989, by the yeas and nays.

#### SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE USO TO OUR ARMED FORCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 322, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 322, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows: